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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Manabu KODATE et al.
Title: IMAGE DISPLAY ELEMENT AND IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE
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Art Unit: 2629

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-8, 13-18, 21 and 22, drawn to an image display element having a particular distance between a first wire and a second wire, for prosecution in the subject application.

Also, Applicant hereby elects Species II, drawn to an image display element using a pillar-shaped spacer type insulator. Claims 4-6, 8, 16-18, and 21-22 are readable on the elected species. Claims 1-3 and 13-15 have already been indicated as generic by the PTO.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and M.P.E.P. §821.04 (rejoinder).

Receipt of an Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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